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### Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman

### Introduction of the Clarification of Federal Employment Protection Act to

### Prohibit Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation

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At a time when our federal employees are working tirelessly on behalf of the nation, we should be doing our utmost to ensure that all are protected against discrimination. Unfortunately, the Bush Administration appears to have abandoned a long-standing, bipartisan interpretation of the law that protects federal employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation. I hope that Congress will act quickly to pass this legislation.